Grand Royal Arch Chapter

1851.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, the 9th of September, A. D. 1851, R. A. M. 2381.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. BENJ. HUNTOON,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. LUCIEN B. KEITH, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" HENRY EARL, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. SAMUEL W. GLEASON, .	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
" WM. W. BAKER, . .	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" LEVI BATES, . . .	Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.*
" JOHN MCCLELLAN, .	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" COLBURN BLOOD, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" WM. R. DAVIS, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Member.

M.E. EDW'D A. RAYMOND, .	Past Grand High Priest.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, and Mount Horeb.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read.

The Committee of Finance not being ready to make their annual report, it was *Voted*, That they have further time granted them for that purpose.

A communication was received from the City Council of Boston, inviting this Grand Chapter to unite with the city authorities in celebrating the completion of the Railway and Steam Ship Line between Canada, Boston, and Liverpool, to be held in this city on the 19th of September inst. This communication having been read, was referred to a Committee consisting of Robert Keith, Stephen Lovell, and Thomas Waterman.

The time having arrived for the choice of officers, the Grand Chapter then resolved itself into Committee of the whole. M.E. Edw'd A. Raymond, was called to the chair, and Comps. Charles Bates, Samuel W. Gleason, and Wm. R. Davis, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes.

The following named companions were then duly re-elected to the several offices set against their names, viz:

M.E. and Rev. BENJ. HUNTOON, . .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL, .	Dep. G. High Priest.
E. SAMUEL MILLARD, . . .	Grand King.
" HENRY EARL, ...	Grand Scribe.
" ROBERT KEITH, ...	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, . . .	Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole then rose, and by their chairman, reported the foregoing elections, which report was accepted by the Grand Chapter.

The installation of the officers elect, was postponed to the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter.

A motion was made by M.E. Comp. Lovell, to amend the first article of the General Regulations of this Grand Chapter, but owing to the lateness of the hour, no action was taken upon this motion, and it was postponed to the next meeting.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, 9th December, A. D. 1851, R. A. M. 2381.

PRESENT:

M.E. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand High Priest.
E. SAMUEL MILLARD,	Grand King.
" LUCIEN B. KEITH,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. THOMAS R. LAMBERT,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. CHARLES BATES,	Grand Captain of the Host.
" GEORGE MOULTON,	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" LEVI BATES,	Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.*
" E. THAYER,	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" JOHN MCCLELLAN,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
" WM. R. DAVIS,	Grand Master 1st Vail.

Comp. JOHN B. HAMMATT, }	
" EDW'D A. RAYMOND, }	Committee of Finance.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

M.E. PAUL DEAN,	Past Grand High Priest.
M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Past Grand High Priest.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Adoniram, Mount Zion, Sutton, and Thomas.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was opened in ample form, and the record of the last meeting read.

The motion to amend the first article of the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter, submitted at the last meeting by M.E. Comp. Lovell, was taken up, discussed, and adopted, as follows, viz:

Insert after the words Grand Lecturers: Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and three Grand Masters of the Vails; and strike out the words "Grand Marshal."

The Committee of Finance presented the following report, which was read and accepted.

BOSTON, Dec. 9th, 1851.

We, the Committee of Finance, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and find that he has received during the year, $197 29
And has paid sundry bills to the amount of . . 183 72
Leaving a balance in his hands of $13 57

J. B. HAMMATT, } *Committee*
E. A. RAYMOND, } *of Finance.*

The following appointments were announced from the chair, and approved by the Grand Chapter, viz:

Rev. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, " O. H. TILLOTSON,	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. STEPHEN LOVELL, " CHARLES BATES,	Grand Lecturers.
" CHARLES BATES,	Gr. Captain of the Host.
" GEORGE MOULTON,	Grand Principal Sojourner,
" JOHN MCCLELLAN,	Grand R. A. Captain.
" LEVI BATES,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
" SAMUEL JEPSON,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
" MARTIN W. LONG,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
" WILLIAM R. DAVIS, " SAM'L H. GREGORY,	Grand Stewards.
" EDW'D A. RAYMOND, " JOHN R. BRADFORD, " WILLIAM EATON,	Committee of Finance.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, " CHARLES BATES, " SAMUEL MILLARD,	Committee on Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Voted to proceed to the installation of the officers, M.E. and Rev. Paul Dean, Past Grand High Priest, was called to the chair. A Committee was appointed to wait upon the Grand High Priest elect, and introduce him to the Grand Chapter. Which duty having been performed, the M.E. and Rev. Benjamin Huntoon, was duly installed Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts for the ensuing Masonic year. The other officers were then duly installed by the M.E. Grand High Priest, into their respective offices according to their rank. The usual proclamation was then made by the Grand Captain of the Host.

It having been represented that Northampton Chapter at Northampton, and King Cyrus Chapter at Newburyport, had made no returns for more than three years past, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify these two Chapters, that unless they make their returns and pay up their dues, agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, on or before the stated meeting in June next, their Charters would be declared forfeited.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following return was made to the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held in Boston, on Tuesday, the 9th day of September, A. D. 1851, when the following officers were re-elected, and on the 9th of December following, duly installed into their respective offices, viz:

M.E. and Rev. BENJ. HUNTOON,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. SAMUEL MILLARD,	Grand King.
" HENRY EARL,	Grand Scribe.
" ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.

Chapters under the jurisdiction.

ST. ANDREW'S,	Boston.
ADONIRAM,	New Bedford.
MORNING STAR,	Springfield.
ST. PAUL'S,	Boston.

Mount Zion,	Stoughton.
Worcester,	Worcester.
Mount Horeb,	Lowell.
Sutton,	Sutton.
Thomas,	Fitchburg.
Northampton,	Northampton.
King Cyrus,	Newburyport.

Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts,
Boston, 15th December, 1851.

To Benj. B. French, Esq., *General Grand Sec'y of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, Washington, D. C.*

Dear Sir,—I herewith transmit a list of the officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, for the present Masonic year, together with the names of the Subordinate Chapters under our jurisdiction.

With great regard, I have the honor to be,

Respectfully and fraternally your ob't servant,

Thomas Waterman, *Grand Secretary.*

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 9th March, A. D. 1852, R. A. M. 2382.

Present:

M.E. and Rev. Benj. Huntoon,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. and Rev. Stephen Lovell,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Samuel Millard,	Grand King.
" Henry Earl,	Grand Scribe.
" Robert Keith,	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman,	Grand Secretary.

Comp. Charles Bates,	Grand Captain of the Host.
" George Moulton,	Gr. Principal Sojourner.
" John McClellan,	Grand R. A. Captain.
" Levi Bates,	Grand Master 3d Vail.
" Samuel Jepson,	Grand Master 2d Vail.
" Martin W. Long,	Grand Master 1st Vail.
" John R. Bradford,	Committee of Finance.
" Wm. C. Martin,	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Saint Paul's, Mount Zion, Mount Horeb, and Sutton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read.

On motion of M.E. Comp. Lovell, it was *Voted*, That the record of the last meeting be amended, so that the following named officers shall take rank immediately after the Grand Scribe, viz:

Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and three Grand Masters of the Vails.

A letter from Comp. G. D. Peck, in behalf of Northampton Chapter, was received and read. Whereupon it was *Voted*, That the Northampton Chapter have further time granted them to make their returns and pay up their dues to this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be paid the sum of fifteen dollars for his services for the year ending in September, 1851.

A petition signed by Benj. F. Brown, former High Priest, Henry Whipple, Past Grand King, Thomas Cole, Past High Priest, Nath'l Pitman, S. B. Buttrick, Past Scribe, Stephens Baker, Jesse Smith, Mark Kimball, Jona. Merrill, Samuel Simonds, and Andrew Nichols, formerly members of Wash-

ington Chapter, Salem, praying that the Charter of said Chapter, may be restored to them, and that they be authorized and empowered to reorganize and put said Chapter in operation.

The petition having been read, it was *Voted*, That the same be referred to the M.E. Grand High Priest, and that he be authorized to grant the prayer of the petitioners, provided, he shall find that they have complied with all the rules and regulations of this Grand Chapter.

M.E. Comp. Lovell, in behalf of the Committee on regalia, reported progress. Comp. Charles Bates was added to the Committee, and they were granted further time.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 8th June, A. D. 1852, R. A. M. 2382.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. BENJ. HUNTOON,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. SAMUEL MILLARD, . .	Grand King.
" HENRY EARL, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.

Comp. JOHN MCCLELLAN, . .	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
" LEVI BATES, . . .	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" ALONZO ANDREWS, .	Gr. R. A. Captain, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM ORNE, . .	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" SAMUEL JEPSON, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail.
" JAMES W. CROOKS, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" SAMUEL H. GREGORY, .	Grand Steward.
" WM. C. MARTIN, . .	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Mount Zion, and Morning Star.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 7 1-2 o'clock, and the records of the last meeting read.

The M.E. Grand High Priest, in a feeling and solemn manner, announced the decease of Comp. Charles Bates, an officer of this Grand Chapter, since our last stated meeting, whereupon it was *Voted*, That the M.E. Grand High Priest be requested to address a letter of condolence to the widow of the deceased, expressive of the sympathy of the members of this Grand Chapter with the family of our late Comp. Bates.

The M.E. Grand High Priest, to whom was referred the petition of Washington Chapter, Salem, for the restoration of their Charter, reported that he had made the necessary inquiries, and ascertained that the furniture and records of said Chapter had been preserved, but that the Charter of the same was not to be found. After some discussion, it was *Voted*, That the Council of this Grand Chapter be authorized to cause a new Charter to be presented to Washington Chapter, if in their judgment they shall think best.

The Grand Secretary gave notice that the printed Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters had been received,

viz: Georgia, Michigan, Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida, and Virginia.

M.E. Comp. Lovell, from the Committee on regalia, reported progress. Comp. McClellan was added, and the Committee were authorized to dispose of such part of the regalia as in their judgment was not needed for the use of the Grand Chapter, and repair the remainder.

Parts of a lecture was given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

St. Andrew's, Boston,	Charter dated A. L.	5769
King Cyrus, Newburyport,	do.	5790
Adoniram, New Bedford,	do.	5816
Morning Star, Springfield,	do.	5817
St. Paul's, Boston,	do.	5818
Mount Zion, Stoughton,	do.	5820
Thomas, Fitchburg,	do.	5821
Worcester, Worcester,	do.	5823
Northampton, Northampton,	do.	5825
Mount Horeb, Lowell,	do.	5826
Sutton, Sutton,	do.	5826

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary, Boston.